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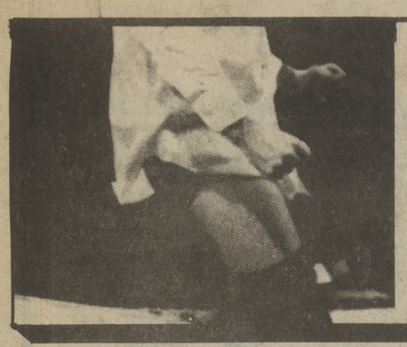

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In memoriam . . .

STEVE PRINGLE / Valley Star

Valley's flag will fly at half mast in a week-long remembrance of the seven crew members who died Tuesday morning in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger shortly after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, Fla. .

District considering budget cutting plans

Layoffs, furloughs among proposals

By KIM JENKINS, News Editor

Looking to avoid a deficit between $4.5 million and $8.7 million for the 1986-'87 school year, the Board of Trustees began examining a list of options presented to it Jan. 22 by the L.A. Community College District (LACCD) Business Services staff.

The list included such options as eliminating low-enrollment educational programs, laying-off up to 113 full-time faculty and proposed that Mission and Southwest colleges be turned into satellite campuses of Pierce and L.A. Trade Technical colleges, respectively.

Although most of the proposals are expected to be approved by the trustees, some, such as the Mission/Southwest option, were included in the report as additional choices, said Norm Schneider, spokesman for the LACCD.

"The staff didn't want to leave anything out just because it thought a proposal was outrageous," he said. "They just gave the trustees the report and said, 'This is everything we can think of.' "

In addition, the report stated that future state funding for a permanent campus at Mission could be in jeopardy if the board approved the Mission/Southwest action.

The district faces a deficit, in the most part, because of declining enrollments and operating-cost increases, according to LACCD officials.

The report suggests options for reducing personnel costs by laying off additional classified employees, laying off both regular and hourly instructors, reducing the work week for all employees, reducing the work week in the summer, furloughing administrators and classified personnel, giving faculty unpaid vacations during the spring and winter breaks, reducing salaries for all employees and increasing faculty loads.

However, Hal Fox, president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild, said the faculty union is determined to "fight for every employee."

He added that, "Although I can't talk about strategies, we do oppose the layoffs, and think the district has enough money not to layoff teachers."

Employees who may be laid off must be notified by the District no later than March 15,under the state's collective bargaining law.

The board will decide in its next meeting Wednesday whether or not to go ahead with the large-scale layoffs.

Other staff reductions may result from the possible restructure of the District's food services and book store operations.

According to the report, "Principal savings (in food services and book store operations) are expected to come from reduced personnel costs, and implementation would involve the layoff of personnel."

Another suggestion in the report called for relocating several District office functions to one or more campuses.

"It's not as easy as locking the door and walking out," said Schneider. "There's a lot of ramifications to consider.

The report stated that the owner of the District headquarters building, which the district leases for more than $900,000 annually, agreed to let the District sublease the building.

"However," the report concluded, "in view of the current surplus of downtown office space, success in at-

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'International Room' service may be lost to night students

Room has a week to show profit

By GENE HERNANDEZ, Staff Writer

A mandate to evaluate the food services at the nine campuses of the L.A. Community College District passed down by the Board of Trustees, may result in the closure of Valley's "International Room" during the evenings.

Kevin Stewart, ASU evening division commisioner, said he was verbally informed of the impending closure, which will occur next Thursday night, though he had seen no written notification posted anywhere.

"Something needs to be done about the money problems in the District," Stewart said. "But to close down food services for the night students just isn't fair. There must be another solution."

Albert Fiero, day manager of the cafeteria, said, "We have decided to give the International Room another week before deciding if it is profitable to run."

Only the International Room (the larger of the two adjoining rooms which make up the cafeteria) was under consideration for closure. The Room had originally been scheduled for closure tonight, but Fiero said, "it was decided to keep it open for one more week to see if we can get some support from the student body.

The problem, Fiero said, is that the International Room is not doing enough business at night to justify keeping it open. The fast-food section of the cafeteria, the Valley Galley, has had plenty of business and does not seem to be in danger of closing.

Rose Whalen, cafeteria night supervisor, said that many students eat their dinner in the International Room because they prefer it to the fast-food fare of the Galley.

Even though the Room has been doing business, Whalen said that the amount of business must increase if it is to remain open.

"If we did (close), it would be a shame, because students do come to eat there," she said.

The satellites around campus are not at danger of being closed during the evenings, said Whalen. As long as the business is there, Fiero and Whalen agree, the satellites will be harder to close down.

Whalen expressed concern over the fate of the workers assigned to the Room at night. She said she did not know whether they would be laid off, or transferred to a satellite.

Mary Ann Breckell, Valley's vice president of administration, said that they were not currently thinking of laying off any workers. However, each area of food service will be evaluated to see if it is profitable.

"We are running what is supposed to be a money-making service on campus," she said. "If the service can not make a profit, it would cut too much into the regular budget to keep it open. So, it must be closed."

She emphasized that if a food service area, such as the satellites, can operate off its own profits, it would not be considered for closure.

Stewart believes that the quality of the food in the Room needs to improve in order to solve the lack of business.

News Notes

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Friday, Jan. 31, 4 p.m., is the deadline for filing Petitions for Graduation as of May 23, 1986. Petitions are available in the Graduation Office, Room 127, Administration Building.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DAY

ASU Senate is sponsoring Membership Drive Day on Thursday, Feb. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Monarch Square.

Clubs will be represented and offering information.

For further information contact Frank Tullo ASU president, at x361.

HALLEY'S COMET COURSE OFFERED

Registration for Comet Halley, a three night short course offered through Community Services will run from March 6 - 8.

To register contact Community Services Office at (818) 988-3911.

WORKSHOPS FOR SMOKERS AND SPENDAHOLICS

A stop smoking workshop will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Feb. 24. Enrollment fee is $35.

A workshop on how to Stop being a spendaholic will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Enrollment fee is $10.

For further information, call the Community Services Office at (818) 988-3911.

REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM

Applications for LAVC's registered nursing program for the fall, 1986 program are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays in Room 113 of the Engineering Building.

Applicants should apply as soon as possible.

MASTER PLAN

Cedric Sampson, chief administrator for LACCD Chancellor Leslie Koltai, is scheduled to appear before the faculty senate on Tuesday, February 4 at 11 a.m. in the faculty lounge.

Sampson, who is serving as liaison for the district on the committee reviewing the Master Plan for Higher Education, will discuss changes in the Master Plan which may have an effect on the LACCD.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID

Applications for financial aid for the 1986-87 academic year are currently available in the financial aid office.

Applications received by May 23, 1986 will have priority consideration.

Documents received after May 23 will be considered for aid only if funds are still available.

Students who wish to apply for Cal Grants A, B or C should request a Cal Grant supplement, as well as Student Aid Application for California (SAAC). Deadline for Cal Grants is Feb. 11, 1986.

Cal Grant Supplement requires GPA verification. Allow a few days for campus processing.

MICROCOMPUTER WORKSHOPS

Workshops explaining microcomputers and their applications will begin on Thursdays, Feb. 20, for two weeks with "Basic Computer Programming for Micros," from 6 to 10 p.m. Registration fee is $69.

"Computer Literacy" workshop will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursdays for five weeks starting Feb. 20. Enrollment fee is $35.

Registration takes place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thurdsay and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday in the Community Services Office.

For more details on other workshops call (818) 988-3911.

Tragedy challenges America

By ANITA FEARMAN, Staff writer

On Jan. 28, 1986, I found out what a national tragedy is. I was saddened, angry, and fearful.

I wasn't the only one.

The tragedy of the Shuttle Challenger explosion saddened the world. It is always a tragedy when lives are lost. Even more so when the lives are lost during an event that most Americans had come to think of as boring and routine, not realizing the mission's effect on our lives, if not today, in the future. I was saddened because children have lost parents, and lives have ended; the mourning begins.

I was angered because so many fingers were pointed, responsibility was shifted. The point is rather moot to seven people and theirloved ones. In the spirit that these people lived they might be saying, it is not who made the mistake, but that a lesson was learned from it.

Anger started rising even more as I listened to people's comments, one in particular from a woman who couldn't understand how Christa McAuliffe could put a mission into space before her children. I was angered not only because this was a sexist remark from a woman (I'm sure there are people of both sexes who agree), but because all those who agree are surely suffering from short sightedness.

Ms. McAuliffe went on board, as did her fellow crew members, because of their love for their own children as well as children everywhere.

I was angered because the point was missed. Her mission was that of a link and an educator. For without the ability to educate there is no progress. Without progress, there is no growth. Without growth, there is no hope for America as we know it.

Ms. McAuliffe was to open our children's eyes, to fill those wonderful sponge-like brains with information on the space program that could spawn future Neil Armstrongs, Sally Rides and Guy Bufords. She was the link to you and me that could finally explain to us, in layman's terms, just what floating in space, or being in space really meant.

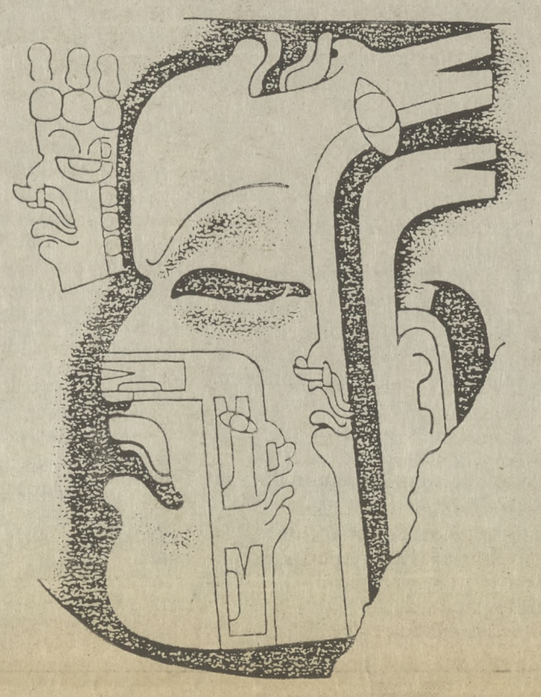
Now I am left fearful. Fearful that a tragic mishap could stop us from ever finding out what seven people gave their lives to try and tell us. Fearful that value judgements will move us back a hundred years to the point where a crew like those aboard the Challenger could not exist. Fearful that a young Sally Ride, Christa McAuliffe, or Judy Resnik may change her mind.

True to the Shuttle's name, Challenger, seven astronauts found a challenge. Aware of the ramifications they went to meet it. When the sadness, the anger, and the fear subside we must allow the spirit of the Challenger crew to live on. We must continue with the Challenge of the space program. We must continue with progress.

Speaking of arms reductions...

Chicanos: hyphenated Americans

By BLANCA L. ADAJIAN, Opinion Editor



President of the Mexican Student Federation, Ysidro Macias, defines Chicanismo as: "A philosophy that must include all persons...who recognize and are proud of their heritage and who are self-commited to retain their identity against the falseness of asimilation into the Anglo-Saxon social mainstream....

"We may even include those white persons who, because of their involvement and commitment to the Chicano cause, can also be considered Chicanos".

Upon hearing this, the rush to the exits is usually led by a mixture of both Anglos and Chicanos. This statement is considered radical, threatening, and thereby self-isolating.

If most people find discomfort with this definition of Chicanos, what then can be used in its place? The idea that in order to succeed in this country, one must give up one's culture, language and traditions still excists for the Mexican "hyphen" American.

It has always been "in" for Anglos to speak a foreign language and to study other cultures, as long as neither the language nor the culture is Spanish or of Spanish origin—much less that it be thought of as "Mexican."

It's a well-known fact that all coherent thought occurs in English.

Such stereotypes and misconceptions as this one are still prevalent on both sides. Because of this, most young chicanos or even part chicanos reject their heritage.

It has become an either/or situation. Either become "Americanized" (and entirely deny your background) or become a part of the established image and reject all things Anglo; values, language, etc. . The only choices available are between Anglo or Chicano, with the express idea that Anglo is, of course, superior.

We have bought this perception of ourselves from others and taken it as our own. As in all ethnic groups, we have our good points and our not-so-good points. The mistake is when only the negative is accepted, thereby promoting a charicature as truth.

For example, *"Everyone knows that Mexican "hyphen" Americans are: not proficient in English, uneducated and uneducatable (mentally less efficient*—you-know*) lazy, unmotivated, not quite as good as..."*

If truth be known, traditionally we are mostly a hard-working people that respect education, knowledge and authority. We are this way despite the great obstacles which have been and are still being placed in our way, educationally, politically and socially.

We have a history of being loyal Americans whose men have served valiantly in the armed services in the last several wars, in numbers disproportionate to the total percentage of Chicanos in the American population.

They and their mothers, daughters, wives and sisters have, through their labors, contributed to this country's economic growth.

We have people in education, the arts, films, television, politics, banking, and many other respected fields. Admittedly, we don't hold those positions in great numbers, but nevertheless some have managed to infiltrate the Anglo mainstream.

We are also Americans in that Mexico (which is our main root) is as much a part of the North American continent as are the USA and Canada. Our ancestors were settled on this continent long before the Mayflower landed on the eastern shores.

In fact, a great part of our heritage comes from the Aztecs—a nation which finds its own roots on this continent extending back 50,000 years.

The English-speaking peoples of the U.S. and Canada are heavily out-numbered by the Spanish-speaking peoples of the rest of North America, Central and South America, not including Brazil whose national language is Portugese. We are commonly referred to by the rest of the world as the people of the Americas.

So how is it that we, the Mexican "hyphen" Americans, have bought our image from the Anglo?

We, of course, are not alone. In some Latin American countries the Ladinos (European Whites) have also perpetrated or tried to further the idea that Anglo or Germanic or Franco is better than anything else.

Somehow, there is very little comfort in this.

If we, as Chicanos, are deficient in any one major way, it is that we have not made any great advances towards uniting ourselves. We need to do this in order to begin to help cast aside misconceptions and to lay to rest stereotypes that haunt us.

We must try to restore our pride in our roots, our historical past and Spanish language, which has a place in the world today—not in place of English but in conjunction with. We have the capactiy to be truly bi-lingual.

We are a part of many communities, L.A. Valley College for one, our individual neighborhoods, the city of Los Angeles, our state and country (and ultimately the earth) and as such have a right and responsibility to educate ourselves for the betterment of all those communities.

We are not asking for a handout, but merely for a hand to our God-given place in life.

A philosopher said, "I think therefore I am."

As Chicanos we must learn to say to ourselves: *"Pensamos, por eso somos y podemos ser mas.* We think therefore we are and we can be more—in both languages and cultures, not either/or.

STAR EDITORIAL

Furlough unfair, unwise

It seems as if officials of the L.A. Community College District (LACCD) have a few things to learn about contract law.

In its attempt to impose a one-week, unpaid furlough on classified employees, including campus and district administrators, the District is effectively imposing a pay cut which violates established contracts.

How can the LACCD impose a furlough on its employees when there is no mention of the word 'furlough' in the California Educational Code? Isn't that illegal?

Not according to district spokesman Norm Schneider, who said that the LACCD has the right because "there is no law that says the district *can't* impose a furlough."

During budget cutting meetings last October, the trustees proposed and then rejected a two-week unpaid furlough, which included both classified as well as certificated employees.

Why try to revive a dead issue, especially when the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Certificated (faculty) Guild, at that time, threatened the district with a lawsuit if it went ahead with the proposal?

Didn't the district think that the AFT Classified Guild and the Administrators Association might also object?

Apparently not.

But the Classified Guild has objected and has filed suit against the LACCD in order to temporarily halt the district's action until the legality of the furlough can be determined.

The AA is also prepared to fight the furlough.

TV news race for ratings

By TERRI MODJALLAL, Staff Writer

News reporting on television is an insult to the public. It has become a product that needs to be sold. More energy is spent on creating an attractive program, one that will entertain, than on research and accuracy.

The whole purpose of the news program, which is to inform the public, is forgotten as the stations vigorously compete for ratings.

The news show is placed in the same category as comedies, dramas, and soap operas, and is heavily promoted by advertising. This destroys what is different about a newscast—that it is simply a collaboration of facts and events.

The ads themselves are utterly tasteless. To capture viewers' attention, bits and pieces of stories are teased: "A big Hollywood starlet is killed, film at 11:00," and "We'll tell you why your home could be a death trap, tonight at 9:00."

This sensationalism could be headlines from a cheap tabloid, yet it comes from major networks and is commonly accepted.

Thousands of dollars are spent promoting news personalities, even weathermen. These personalities relay news with *feeling*. They comment on the stories, they read, they comment on the stories, their co-workers read.

They say "Thank you, Christine." They laugh at Fritz's jokes. They are even Miss Americas.

But the serious flaw in T.V. news reporting is that it isn't always trustworthy.It is not always accurate, hardly ever unbiased, and often not even newsworthy.

Sometimes key information is missing, and minor stories are blown up into major events.

Now networks run footage of their own award dinners and celebrations. They examine, in depth, new T.V. shows which are, of course, their own.

One way to deal with dissatisfaction of a program is to not watch.it, but a news program is a very different issue. Journalistic standards are at stake. I have the right to expect actual news from a newscast. If that is not what I get, then my trust is being violated and that show has no right to call itself news.

T.V. news is an easy, accessable way for millions of people to become informed, or for millions of people to become misinformed.

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GOOD DAY SUNSHINE—With high clouds and a bright sunshine overhead, Valley students were able to enjoy a beautiful winter day in Southern California as they walked across campus.

Union sues LACCD over imposed furlough

By CHRIS BUSH, Assoc. News Editor

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Classified Guild has filed a lawsuit against the L.A. Community College District (LACCD) in response to a one-week furlough imposed on all non-teaching employees.

"The lawsuit seeks a restraining order on the district so a furlough can't be implemented until its legality has been determined by the court," said Irene Jusko, classified chair of the Valley AFT.

The furlough, which would affect between 1600 and 1700 classified employees, is scheduled to coincide with the spring break (March 23 through 26).

It would also affect nearly all campus and district administrators, and has raised criticism from the Administrators Association, which is also prepared to go to court against the district.

The LACCD plans to save approximately $700,000 by implementing this furlough, according to LACCD spokesman Norm Schneider.

But according to Jusko, the district should have consulted the AFT before the furlough was implemented.

"We should have the right to negotiate any pay-cut that affects us," she said. "District management has the right to lay-off people for lack of work or lack of funds, but in this case, we don't think management has the right to just arbitrarily cut our salaries.

"The furlough is a reduction in our agreed-upon salary wage, which was negotiated and reconfirmed on Nov. 26 by the district.

"If they want to impose a furlough it must be negotiated with the AFT, but the word 'furlough' doesn't appear in the (California Education Code) so how can they impose it?"

Schneider, however, feels the district is within its rights.

"We have the right," said Schneider, who,when asked, could not refer to any legal documentation to justify the furlough.

"Let's put it this way, there is no legal document that says we can't impose a furlough."

The LACCD Board of Trustees had proposed a one-week furlough, which originally had included faculty, during budget cutting meetings last October, but that proposal was rejected.

The district, however, hopes to extend the present furlough to include instructors during its current negotiations with the Certificated Guild of the AFT.

Monarch Hall plays host to Chicano youth conference

By HARRIET KAPLAN, Staff Writer

Valley will host a Latino youth conference today from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in Monarch Hall with an expected attendance of 400 students.

The purpose of the conference, sponsored by the La Raza Youth Conference Commitee of the San Fernando Valley, is to encourage Latino junior high and high school students to stay in school and strive for higher education.

The Commitee is comprised of students, community residents and agency representatives interested in issues that affect the Latino community. La Raza has been in existence since July of 1984, and is holding their second conference.

La Raza has many groups affiliated with it, including Valley's Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA), which is hosting this year's conference.

Students at the junior high and high school levels were targeted as participants in the conference by La Raza, which sent out representatives to different campuses.

Educators, businessmen and community residents with a concern for and knowledge of the issues of the Latino Community are invited to attend.

The conference will begin with a general assembly from 9 a.m. to noon. Businessman Fred Aguilar will deliver a presentation entitled, "Motivation", followed by "Cultural Awareness—Foundation of Self-Esteem" with Daniel Osuna.

Roberta Weintraub, a member of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education, will be on hand for the general assembly, making an opening statement in regard to the conference and its importance.

The general assembly will be followed by a luncheon, with free individual boxed luches having been provided by Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Workshops will start at 1:15, running through to tthe end of the meeting. The topics of the workshops include education, employment and career options, and "Responsible Decision Making—Sex, Teenage Pregnancy and Parenthood.

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tracting tenants is not assured.

"In addition, the cost of relocation might exceed savings, particular for equipment-dependent departments."

Reducing the amount of general education requirements was also suggested in the report. This action, however, could result in additional layoffs and transfers.

The report stated that, "Some faculty would be relocated to other campuses to replace hourly rate instructors, and layoffs might be necessary in disciplines which are overstaffed throughout the district."

"When the smoke clears, what we hope everyone will be able to see is a leaner, much more vital and responsive education program so students will be able to get what they want," said Schneider.

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'Last of Red Hot Lovers' sizzles as season opener

By BLANCA L. ADAJIAN, Opinion Editor

The near-capacity crowd at the Horseshoe Theatre last Friday night was rewarded with a fun-filled performance of Neil Simon's *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers.*

The three act comedy is about a man's (Barney Cashman) mid-life awakenings, yearnings and general dissatisfactions with his life. To improve his dull life, he embarks on a campaign to have an affair.

The development of Barney (over a three-month period) is exceptionally illustrated by James Bartholet.

The first act deals with Cashman and a married, although promiscuous Elaine Navazio. Cashman meets Navazio in the restaurant he and his wife own.

Navazio is aptly played by Meg Seyfarth. This encounter leads nowhere due to the inexperienced bumblings of Cashman.

Stacey Lynn as Bobbie-Michelle in the second act, is a real delight in a very good rendition of an almost too naive singer/dancer.

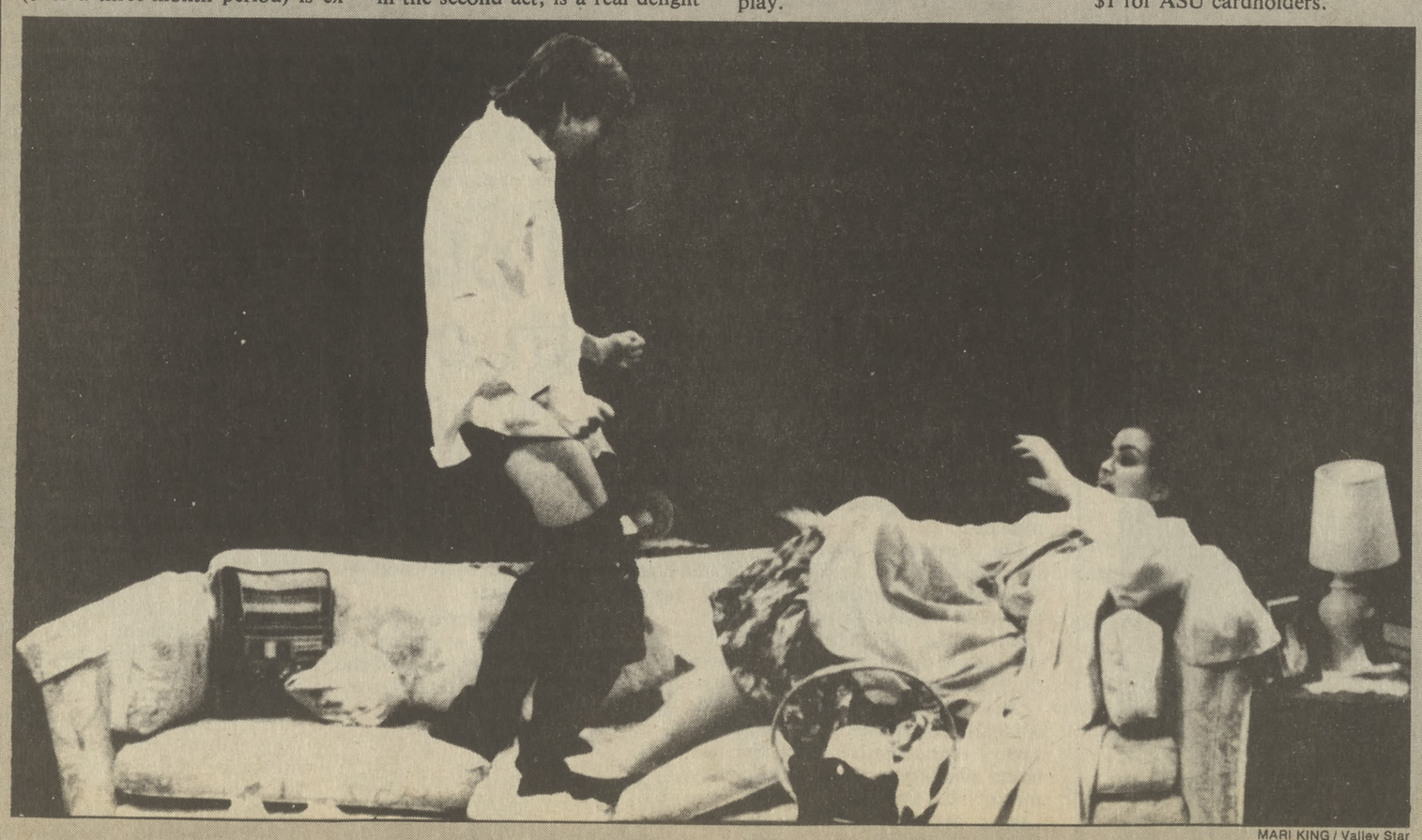
Barney's best friend's wife, Jeanette, a neurotic housewife out to even the score for her husband's philandering, chooses Barney as the logical method of revenge. Alexis Stevenson is terrific as the mentally-imbalanced housewife.

Director Misty K. Ty and the rest of the Valley Collegiate Players have managed to put on a professional production of this play.

The price for admission to *Lovers* is next to nothing compared with what you get in return—a really enjoyable evening at the theater.

The production is presented in-the-round in the Horseshoe Theatre. The last three performances are: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30—Feb. 1.

Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. . Admission is $3, $2 for Seniors, and $1 for ASU cardholders.



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A REVEALING MOMENT—James Bartholet who plays Barney Cashman, aims to communicate with Jeanette, played Alexis Stevenson, in Valley's production of *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers.* The play will be presented in-the-round in the Horseshoe Theatre.

MARI KING / Valley Star

THE GUITAR DUO—Douglas Rubio and Paul Rosandich performed a spectacular duo Sunday night in the Music Recital Hall, presented by the LAVG Guitar Club.

Classical styles captivate crowd

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Staff Writer

The classical guitar duo of Paul Rosandich and Douglas Rubio performed an outstanding set of guitar works last Sunday night at Valley College.

The duo's musical selections included pieces from the renaissance period to 20th century works.

Music of the baroque period and other classical pieces were included in the performance.

Both guitarist complemented each other beautifully. Though each had their own distinct style of playing and sound, the two sounds mixed extremely well. Not once during their performance did one clash with or dominate the other.

Rosandich is a graduate of the University of Southern California (USC), where he earned his Bachelor's degree in classical guitar performance.

One might wonder how Rosandich is able to get such a wonderful sound out of his guitar. But he does, and those who were at the concert were fortunate enough to hear it.

Rubio, Rosandich's partner, displayed more of a rough style, though the results were the same—beautifully played music.

Rubio holds a Master's degree from USC and a Bachelor's degree from the University of California at Irvine.

Whereas Rosandich chose to play the smooth and flowing music of Johann Sebastain Bach, Violin Partita no.1 in B minor, BMV 1002, Rubio chose a more modern piece of work to perform—Impromptus 1968, Richard R. Bennett.

Impromptus is a very difficult piece to play. It is also very difficult to listen to, especially after listening to Rosandich's Bach performance.

The music is played with a staccato style throughout most of the piece. Because of this, Rubio's decision to present this particular piece was questionable.

It did give Rubio the opportunity to demonstrate how well he can play a difficult piece such as Impromptus, but it was just too disjointed to be appreciated all the way through.

Overall, the Guitar Duo concert, sponsered by the Valley College Guitar Club, was a very delightful, and highly recommended source of entertainment.

High camp in High Sierras

By BLANCA L. ADAJIAN, Opinion Editor

Scar Tissue, intrepid female detective, is back in town.

High camp—in more ways than one—this comedy/mystery/thriller, *The Road Not Taken*, is a cleverly staged, private eye spoof about environmental skullduggery in the redwoods.

Over a period of years a road is being illegally and secretly built through a National Forest by the forestry service and financed by lumber interests. Nearing completion (and about to be exposed) the need for continued secrecy eventually triggers a murder.

Enter gumshoe Scar Tissue, whose snooping exposes the well-known comedy trio of corruption, violence and greed—almost getting herself bumped off in the process.

This Scar Tissue mystery features Scar, down on her luck, and working as a security guard at a local 7-Eleven; a Vietnam vet who couldn't readjust to civilian life and lives in the forest; a logger; the Carson's (a timber business family); an Indian woman bar owner; a bear; drugs; some Boy Scouts; wild rivers; towering redwoods and a sacred Indian religious site.

This may seem like too much to be possible, but a terrific use of a miniature set was incorporated into the play to transport you all over the mountainous locality. It manages to release both actors and audience from the normal limits of a small stage.

Played by Joan Schirle, Scar has been described as "a slinky cross between Bacall and Bogart with a dash of Bruce Lee and Clint Eastwood."

The four other versatile and amusing cast members are Michael Fields, Donald Forrest, Joan Mankin, and Todd Bruse. The director is Jael Weisman. The production was collaboratively written by Fields, Forrest, Schirle, and Weisman.

Through deft costume changes and unusual staging, the illusion that there are at least 15 people in this play is created.

The Road Not Taken, is being performed at the Cast-at-the-Circle Theatre, Wednesday through Saturday, at 8 p.m. , and Sundays at 7 p.m. until Feb. 9.

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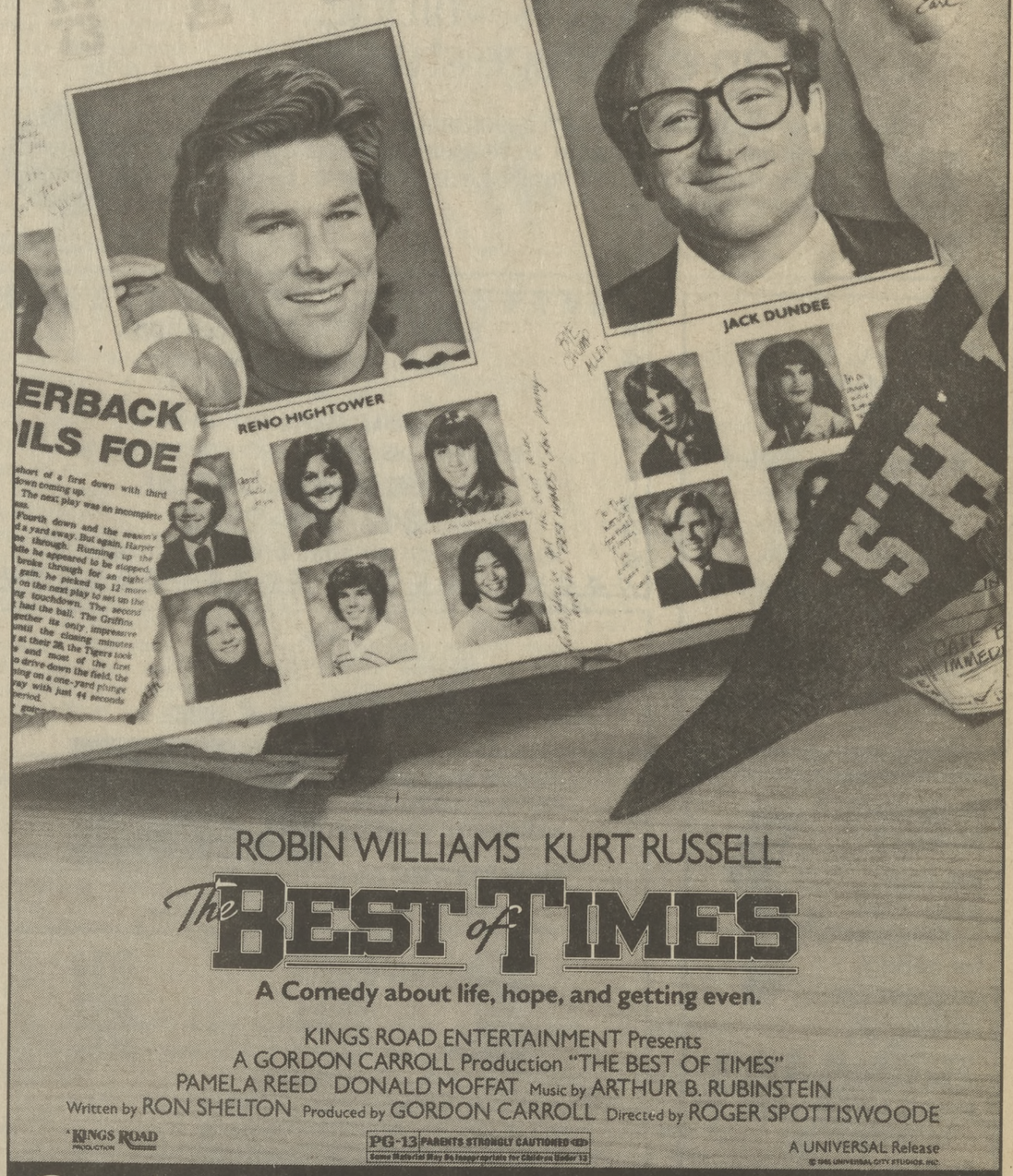

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Women's basketball squad defeats COC at home, 77-67

By KATHY CROUCH, Sports Editor

Valley's women's basketball team beat College of the Canyons (COC) 77-67 in an exciting battle at home last Friday night.

The victory brought the team's Mountain Valley Conference (MVC) record to 2-0 this season.

The Monarchs were up for the task as they faced a team with three of the MVC's top five shooters from COC, Paula Lucas, Julie Fauria, and Ruth Fierro.

Once again, the back-court tandem of Jill Daniels and Maryjo Testa led Valley in scoring. Daniels dropped in 24 points while Testa picked up 14 points for the Monarchs.

Valley dominated the first half, 42-27. Valley held COC's scoring threesome to only 16 points, while Daniels and Testa grabbed 24 together.

The Monarchs took it easier in the second half, allowing the Cougars to outscore them 40-35.

It didn't matter, though, as Valley led until the buzzer.

Valley Head Coach Jim Stephens said last week, "We could beat anybody if we had everything together...with all our players on the roster."

The team proved they could account well for themselves even without a full team. With freshman Lisa Rodriguez sidelined with a fractured thumb, which she slammed in her car door last week, Valley was able to get scoring from every player who stepped on the floor.

Adding to the Monarch point tally, sophomore Monique Brown put in 12 points, freshman Kristin Bregel added 10, and team captain Tina Johnson contributed nine points. Rounding out the scoring, Lenise Collins and Aleshia Craft had four points each.

Lucas tried to even things up for COC, but even with 14 second-half points out of a 25-point total, the Monarchs held tight.

Defensively, COC played tough and aggressive. Team captain Fierro was all over Monarch ballhandlers, and fouled out of the game with 9:35 still left in the second half.

Not to be outdone, Valley coach Stephens added to the game dramatics by drawing a technical foul as Fierro was being ejected from the game.

Previously warned by officials to stay directly in front of Valley's bench, Stephens was slapped with the penalty when he strayed to the half-court line to give some words of encouragement to the Monarch players.

Lucas, COC's best free-throw shooter, missed the free foul shot.

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The Monarch victory against COC combines with the Jan. 22 victory against Antelope Valley College at home for the 2-0 record.

Valley's first MVC game, scheduled for Jan. 17 against L.A. Trade Tech College, was cancelled because game officials failed to show up for the game.

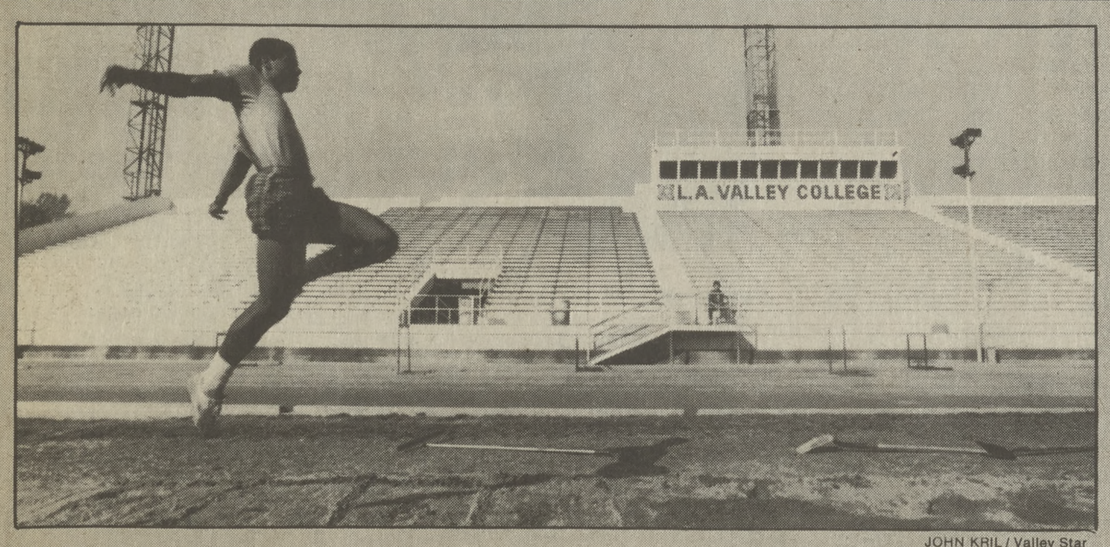
The Monarchs were ready to face Trade Tech, the returning state champions which posted a 57-1 record over the past two seasons, said coach Stephens.

"They are not as good as last year," Stephens said. "We were ready to play."

The game will be re-scheduled at the end of the season.

LISA COLLINS / Valley Star

HANDS UP—Valley's Maryjo Testa (25) attempts to score against COC defenders.



JOHN KRIL / Valley Star

TAKE OFF—Valley long jumper Troy Hemphill practices his jumping form for the upcoming track season.

Valley loses to L.A. Southwest in exciting overtime battle, 70-63

By JOE BATTEY, Staff Writer

For the second time this season, the Monarch men's basketball team lost a close game to L.A. Southwest College. This time the defeat came in overtime by a score of 70-63.

The loss last Friday, played at L.A. Harbor College, dropped the team's record to 0-2 in Mountain Valley Conference (MVC) play and 9-13 overall.

Valley had an opportunity to win with 10 seconds left in regulation play, when freshman Kenny Shane missed a 20-foot jumper.

A slow start by the Monarchs allowed Southwest to take an 8-0 lead to begin the game. Eight minutes later Valley had fought back to tie the contest at 18 apiece.

The lead changed hands several times and Valley took a one-point lead with 22 seconds left in the half. Southwest then worked for the last shot and converted, taking a 33-32 halftime lead.

Valley head coach Virgil Watson's players scored the first six points of the second half, taking a five point advantage.

Seven minutes into the second half, Valley took its biggest lead of the game. What was an eight point cushion didn't last long, though. Within five minutes Southwest retook the lead, 56-55.

With 50 seconds left remaining in regulation play, 6-foot-7-inch center Mario Lopez converted a three point play to put Valley up by two. Southwest followed with a hoop to tie the contest at 58-58. When Shane missed the 20-footer, the Monarchs were headed for overtime.

Southwest took the opening tip for the five minute overtime period and outscored Valley 12-5.

Lopez, who is averaging 12.5 points per game, led all scorers with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Also for the Monarchs, Fred Lewis poured in 12 points. Erik Harden, John Windham and Shane each contributed six points to the defeat.

Southwest had a balanced attack with three scorers in double figures. Brian Brundage had 17 points. Bruce Chew and Charles Webb had 16 apiece, six of Chew's points coming in the overtime period. The Cougars are undefeated in MVC play and are 18-3 overall.

Earlier in the season Valley blew a 17-point lead to lose by one to Southwest in the Pasadena Crown City Classic consolation final. Obviously the Cougars had not forgotten their loss to the Monarchs in MVC Tournament Championship last season.

Valley will face West L.A. College at home tomorrow night in the men's gym at 7:30 p.m. , and will play host to L.A. Trade Tech next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. .

Sportsline by KATHY CROUCH

Flo Hyman—the tragic loss of a genuine sports hero

There are few 'greats' in the world of athletics. Flo Hyman was one of them.

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While the U.S. Women's team captured the silver medal in Los Angeles, Hyman gained the distinction of being the oldest woman player in the 1984 games.

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State Board approves funds for building Mission College

By DAVID FROST, Editor-in-Chief

The drive to provide a permanent campus for L.A. Mission College in San Fernando took a major step forward last Thursday, receiving an approval for funding by the California Community College Board of Governors in a meeting at the Viscount Hotel in L.A. .

The funding, which will come from the state budget, must now be approved by four other entities: the California Postsecondary Education Commision (CPEC), the State Assembly and Senate, and Governor Deukmejian.

CPEC will meet three times to discuss the proposal. The next meeting being held Feb. 4 at the Sheraton Plaza La Reina, in L.A. .

The second meeting will be held in Sacramento, March 16 and 17.

CPEC will reach a final decision April 27 or 28, when they meet again in Sacramento on those two days.

The original funding request by the L.A. Community College District (LACCD) was for two buildings for the campus at an expense of over $14.5 million. The Board of Governors approved only one building, which is to be modified to serve the functions of both buildings.

The published agenda for the meeting stated that the decision was made to fund for the current enrollment at Mission of over 3,400 students rather than the projected enrollment of over 6,000 by 1990.

The funding for the one building, originally estimated at almost $9 million, will be modified downward to make the project more feasible, said Bill Pickens, spokesman for CPEC.

"The whole idea of modifying the proposal was to create a small enough project in relation to the Mission enrollment figures," he said.

Pickens said that the exact amount of funding will not be known until the final decision is reached.

President of the LACCD Board of Trustees, Monroe Richman, was not disappointed over receiving approval for only one building.

"It was a tremendous victory. It vindicates the college," he said, in reference to the criticisms that the college has drawn due too low an enrollment.

District spokesman, Norm Schneider said that a construction date for the El Cariso/Sylmar site has not been established, and the District is waiting to actually receive the funds before doing so.

The site is located on the southeast corner of Eldridge and Hubbard in Sylmar, adjacent to El Cariso recreation center.

Though CPEC is always involved in determining the need for college constructions, it is usually not involved in the proces for funding those constructions.

Mission is an exception because the original approval for the need of the college in 1975 included a statement requiring their further approval before state funding could be granted.

Beverly Benedict Thomas, a member of both CPEC and the Board of Governors said that chances for approval by CPEC are good.

"It's not a matter of building another campus," said the L.A. resident and Valley alumna, "but of housing one that is already there."

The funding approval came one day after the LACCD Board of Trustees met to discuss, among other things, turning Mission and L.A. Southwest Colleges into "satellites" of other campuses.

Under this budget-cutting option available to the Board, Mission would become a satellite of Pierce College, and Southwest would would become a satellite of L.A. Trade Technical College.

Delena Bratton, spokesperson for the Board of Governors said the satellite consideration was "not formally communicated" to them.

Gus Guichard, executive vice chancellor to the Board of Governors, indicated that such a plan would have influenced the decision very little.

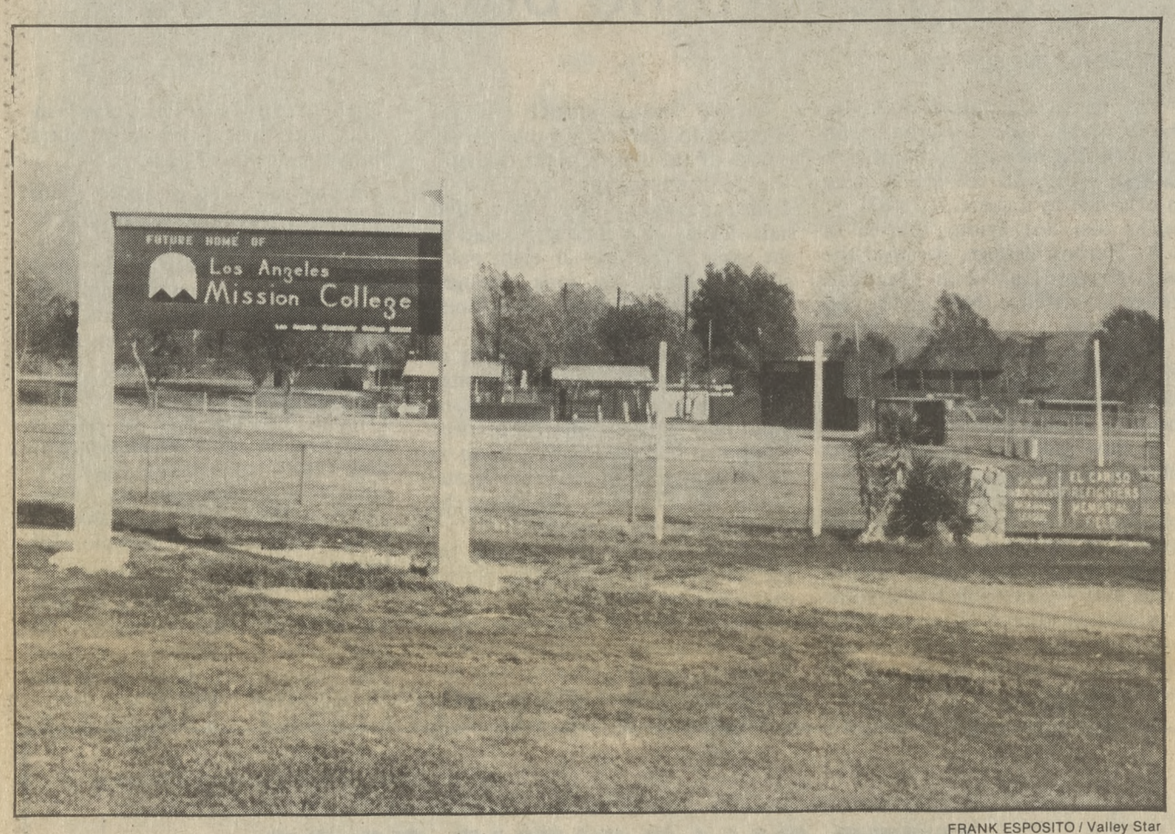
"Whether it (Mission) becomes a college or a center, there is still a need for a campus," he said.

Richman said that the satellite proposal is not viable "at this time."

"I think I'm speaking for the Board (LACCD trustees) members," he said. "Unless we get a devastating financial situation, I think we're stepping away from that."

JIM LUNDY / Valley Star

DUAL ROLE—Beverly Benedict Thomas is a member of both the California Community College Board of Governors, and the California Postsecondary Education Commision. Thomas is also a Valley alumna who transfered to UCLA.



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